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EXTENSION OF THE FIFTH COUNTRY PROGRAMME FOR HAITI

Note by the Administrator

1. The fifth country programme for Haiti for the period from January 1992 to December 1996 (DP/CP/HAI/5) was approved by the Executive Board only at its third regular session 1995. Due to the socio-political crisis in the country between 1991 and 1994, the preparation of the fifth country programme could not be completed following the regular schedule.

2. In late 1995, a constitutional government was established in Haiti and the primary objective of the UNDP programme was to set in motion a gradual transition process from an emergency situation to sustainable human development. In this context, the Government of Haiti wishes to extend the current country programme by one year. This decision will allow the country office to synchronize with national programmes in such key fields as governance and poverty alleviation, which should be prepared by the end of 1996 or during the course of 1997.

3. The current UNDP programme comprises the following areas of concentration: (a) governance, (b) economic growth and poverty alleviation, and (c) preservation and regeneration of the environment. It is expected that these priorities will be incorporated into the country cooperation framework (CCF) for future UNDP cooperation, which will be submitted to the Executive Board at its first regular session 1998.

4. In 1997, a common country assessment will be undertaken in Haiti. This process will allow for the reinforcement of the harmonization of programming

among Joint Consultative Group on Policy agencies, in coordination with the Government of Haiti.

5. Against this background, the Administrator wishes to inform the Executive Board that he has approved the extension of the fifth country programme for Haiti for a period of one year, beginning 1 January 1997.